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Collins et al.

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For: BIFIDOBACTERIUM IN THE TREATMENT  
OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

Examiner: V. Afremova

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 6, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action and is simultaneously filing a petition for a three-month extension and a check in payment for the required fee. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page **3** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **7** of this paper.